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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight decline in United States imports for consumption from $1,159.1 million in September to $1,156.9 million in October reflected decreases in imports of crude materials, manufactured foodstuffs and semimanufactures which were largely offset by increases in imports of finished manufactures and crude foodstuffs. The imports for consumption total for October 1960 was about five percent below the October 1959 total of $1,211.8 million.

The Bureau stated that imports for consumption for the period January-October 1960 were valued at $12,318.3 million, a level slightly higher than the $12,294.2 million reported for the corresponding period of 1959.

Imports of crude materials fell from $244.0 million in September to $229.9 million in October primarily as a result of decreases in imports of crude rubber, from $26.2 to $20.3 million iron ore and concentrates, from $29.3 to $24.2 million and crude petroleum from $76.6 to $72.0 million. However, sizable increases were reported in imports of lead, from $0.6 to $5.0 million and zinc, from $1.3 to $6.0 million. The drop in imports of manufactured foodstuffs, from $134.3 to $122.4 million, reflected lower levels of imports of cane sugar, from $41.3 to $24.8 million and meat products, from $28.7 to $24.9 million. These decreases were partly offset, however, by an increase in imports of whisky from $17.4 to $22.5 million. Imports of semimanufactures decreased slightly from $234.5 to $233.3 million.

During the period, imports of finished manufactures climbed from $412.3 to $425.2 million as small increases in imports of some of the individual items included in this economic class were partly offset by declines in imports of others. The more noticeable of these changes was a rise in imports of newsprint, from $54.6 to $59.8 million. Higher levels of imports of coffee from $87.5 to $93.7 million and fish and shellfish, from $13.4 to $16.9 million were the chief factors in the increase in imports of crude foodstuffs from $134.1 to $146.1 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: OCTOBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity		October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Total	value	1,156.9	1,159.1	1,211.8	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free	value	457.1	469.2	454.8	485.2	445.1
Dutiable	value	699.8	689.9	756.9	763.8	616.5
Crude materials	value	229.9	244.0	264.6	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins	value	5.0	4.2	6.4	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs	value	3.9	3.2	3.1	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb.	61	74	109	108	89
	value	20.3	26.2	37.1	32.1	20.9
Copra	1,000 lb.	77,697	75,442	65,504	58,808	50,102
	value	5.6	5.5	5.8	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	14,341	13,335	14,140	12,640	11,543
	value	9.9	9.9	10.7	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	6,786	14,862	7,092	12,760	12,190
	value	0.4	3.1	0.5	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts	long tons	751	441	2,744	5,740	3,121
	value	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen	long tons	7,018	7,488	8,253	10,432	9,767
	value	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	16	18	21	21	13
	clean content[1]	12	13	16	16	10
	value	8.6	9.4	11.2	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.) actual weight	8	6	10	13	9
	clean content[1]	5	5	7	9	6
	value	5.3	4.6	6.8	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood	1,000 cords	134	183	130	104	114
	value	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	31,466	34,781	32,916	31,841	31,976
	value	72.0	76.6	72.4	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats	105	103	179	133	94
	value	6.9	8.3	10.7	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats	1,024	1,401	966	1,089	839
	value	4.6	5.2	4.1	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons	2,593	3,070	3,899	2,969	2,296
	value	24.2	29.3	35.5	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores	value	9.6	9.3	7.4	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb.	6,879	7,261	4,535	6,700	16,884
	value	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb.	47,392	6,386	33,097	22,861	39,772
	value	5.0	0.6	3.5	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content)	long tons	1,001	929	334	898	455
	value	2.3	2.2	0.8	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb.	119,643	36,253	134,999	74,855	90,091
	value	6.0	1.3	6.9	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value	7.1	5.9	6.3	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials	value	27.1	32.2	29.7	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs	value	146.1	134.1	113.6	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb.	54,827	46,795	54,904	45,752	39,847
	value	16.9	13.4	13.6	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands	27	9	41	57	94
	value	2.7	1.2	4.4	6.8	10.8
Grains	value	3.0	1.3	4.3	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value	1.1	1.2	1.1	3.5	3.8
Bananas	1,000 bunches	4,145	4,395	4,286	4,518	4,064
	value	5.0	5.9	6.0	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb.	34	39	18	40	37
	value	8.4	9.8	5.9	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb.	275	260	195	255	222
	value	93.7	87.5	65.7	91.1	97.5
Tea	1,000 lb.	8,050	9,132	9,130	9,140	8,618
	value	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb.	1,456	2,005	3,930	2,914	2,889
	value	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs	value	10.5	7.8	7.4	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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OCTOBER 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average 1959	Monthly average 1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	122.4	134.3	118.2	133.2	125.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	56,285	68,358	66,229	81,209	70,817
value..	24.9	28.7	26.5	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	7,115	5,045	4,167	5,322	4,645
value..	3.8	2.6	2.0	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	42,617	42,136	57,930	43,453	39,886
value..	12.6	12.5	16.3	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	440	735	416	756	772
value..	24.8	41.3	23.3	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	28,739	36,999	12,893	24,205	28,698
value..	2.4	3.1	1.6	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	22.5	17.4	21.2	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs .....value..	30.5	27.8	25.9	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	233.3	234.5	257.0	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	3.7	3.2	4.0	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	244	248	257	303	200
value..	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	4.0	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	9,597	8,435	8,086	9,285	9,300
value..	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	3.4	3.7	4.8	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	332	345	319	339	283
value..	25.0	26.5	28.1	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	198	199	198	203	175
value..	25.9	24.9	25.7	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	16,355	15,801	13,863	19,833	17,503
value..	37.2	34.8	28.2	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	48,002	50,299	49,806	48,928	43,706
value..	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	64	74	84	77	60
value..	6.3	7.4	7.6	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	14.3	16.2	25.1	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	10.7	7.4	11.4	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	58	70	55	62	56
value..	17.9	21.7	16.5	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	38,136	23,022	48,881	46,556	61,159
value..	5.7	3.9	8.3	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	14,305	14,153	15,305	19,370	15,448
value..	9.4	9.0	9.9	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	7,759	6,435	8,066	8,744	8,275
value..	7.7	6.4	8.1	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	16,607	33,656	37,139	27,583	31,111
value..	2.0	4.2	4.0	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	3.7	3.1	5.4	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	9.0	7.4	9.0	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	108	153	77	158	128
value..	4.4	6.2	3.1	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	37.4	37.8	47.8	49.4	37.4
Finished manufactures.....value..	425.2	412.3	458.4	430.7	324.8
Leather manufactures.....value..	11.0	10.3	10.1	7.0	5.1
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	26,610	38,823	27,671	20,031	11,750
value..	5.5	6.9	5.5	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	11.8	14.0	16.5	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	65,229	83,259	56,138	80,623	70,910
1,000 lb..	42,117	49,530	31,542	49,485	40,641
value..	7.9	8.8	5.2	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	3.4	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	17.1	17.6	16.1	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	5.8	6.1	7.4	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	199	216	215	178	178
value..	1.9	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.6
Newsprint1.....1,000 short tons..	475	429	460	437	407
value..	59.8	54.6	58.9	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.1	6.7	7.2	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	6.2	6.3	5.3	4.8	3.9

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Economic class and commodity	October 1960	September 1960	October 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures--Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	17.6	19.0	31.6	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	8.8	8.6	10.4	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	4.4	5.8	12.4	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	36.3	33.7	63.9	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	52.3	46.3	46.4	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	11.7	10.8	10.2	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	5.6	5.0	4.4	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.4	2.4	3.3	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.2	6.0	5.4	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	6.4	5.7	7.0	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	20.8	20.5	21.2	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	99.2	95.7	87.6	84.8	65.1
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	11.8	11.1	11.9	10.2	8.3

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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